

THE
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NATIONAL
PARKS**

First Annual
Centennial Strategy for

Steamtown National Historic Site

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CENTENNIAL INITIATIVE



Site: STEA

Year: 2007

Vision Statement

Steamtown NHS Stewardship is to preserve and interpret the park resources to insure further public understanding and appreciation of the development of steam locomotives in the region and in the growth of America. The primary resources in our care are the numerous historic buildings and structures, historic steam locomotives and rolling stock and railroad track infrastructure located throughout the historic railyard. All of these park assets are used to enhance the visitor understanding and appreciation of historic steam railroading. To ensure the park's capability to provide this visitor experience will require a business approach investing the appropriate resources in the future by leveraging of philanthropic, partnerships, and government investments for the benefit of Steamtown NHS and the visitor. Moving into the 21st century park base funding alone will not support all the park operations and in particular the maintenance, repair and operation of the historic rail equipment necessary to support the historic live steam program for the visitor. The live steam program is the primary interpretive and education program for the visitor. This is the program that drives visitation and additional revenue through entrance fees and interpretive fees to ride the train. Our vision for the future is continue to sustain the live steam program for future generations. To accomplish this vision will require a balanced mix of sufficient staff, funding, partnerships, and volunteers. It will also require consistent and sufficient levels of funding through various programs such as cyclic, repair rehab, grants, and donations to maintain and operate the historic rail equipment.

Park/ Superintendent/ Program Manager

Harold "Kip" Hagen, Park Superintendent

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STEWARDSHIP

☒ Improve the condition of park resources and assets.

☒ Improve high-priority assets to acceptable condition, as measured by the Facility Condition Index.

Seek sufficient funding for the projects programmed in PMIS that will improve the FCI for high priority assets identified in the park, especially those that directly support the primary interpretive and educational programs identified in the park's long range interpretive program.

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